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1. I MET WITH TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MKAPA AT
HILTON HOTEL THIS MORNING JULY 20. (COMMENT: HE IS
A MOST ATTRACTIVE AND ENGAGING PERSON.)

2. MKAPA SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD BEEN
WORKING ON NUJOMA (WHO OBVIOUSLY IS NOW IN KHARTOUM)
AND THEY WERE NOW IN A POSITION TO STATE THAT NUJOMA
WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR SC MEETING JULY 25. MKAPA
SAID THAT AS U.S. GOVERNMENT KNEW, NUJOMA
WAS A DIFFICULT PERSON AND HE COULD NOT RULE OUT A LAST
MINUTE SHIFT OF PLANS ON HIS PART, AS NUJOMA WAS ANXIOUS
TO BE PRESENT AT BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING. HOWEVER,
MKAPA SAID THAT NUJOMA HAD BEEN TALKED OUT OF THIS AND HE
WAS POSITIVE AS HE COULD BE THAT HE WOULD BE IN NEW YORK
ON JULY 25. MKAPA INDICATED THAT THESE MATTERS HAD BEEN
DISCUSSED WITH UNSEC WALDHEIM AS WELL.
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3. AS FOR OAU ACTION ON NAMIBIA, MKAPA SAID THERE WAS
A RESOLUTION IN THE WORKS THAT HAD BEEN DRAFTED BY THE COM
WHICH WOULD BE PRESENTED TO SUMMIT FOR APPROVAL. MKAPA
SAID HE WAS NOT FULLY CONVERSANT WITH ALL THE DETAILS OF THE
RESOLUTION. HE DID KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD NOT
PRESENT AN OBSTACLE TO THE NAMIBIA PEACE PROCESS. HE SAID

THAT QUOTE BECAUSE OF THE EGO OF SOME OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE AT THE SUMMIT UNQUOTE THERE MAY BE SOME UNPLEASANT LANGUAGE IN THE RESOLUTION, BUT HE URGED THAT USG NOT TAKE THIS TOO SERIOUSLY. HE WAS CERTAIN THAT IN ACTUAL SUBSTANCE THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOT IMPEDE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION.

4. MKAPA EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET TO NEW YORK FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. HE WOULD BE ATTENDING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE WHICH WOULD RUN FROM JULY 25 TO JULY 28. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT AMBASSADOR SALIM WOULD BE IN NEW YORK AND THAT SALIM WAS FULLY AWARE OF TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY AND DESIRES ON NAMIBIA.

5. MKAPA'S ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT THE CONVERSATION WAS VERY UPBEAT AND HE OBVIOUSLY EXPECTS THAT THE NEXT STAGE IN THE NAMIBIA PROCESS WILL GO FORWARD WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY.
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